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what seemed more probable, Mr. Bourchier had lost some article of value in the struggle. Lamp in hand he commenced making circles which gradually grew wider, until the road no longer would hold them. He peered among the herbage at the side-he looked up into the trees, but, whatever he had lost, his search was unsuccessful. A muttered curse slipped out of his clinched

teeth, and he turned his face toward home, breasting the hill with a firm brisk step. William returning from his dreary errand, met him before he had gone three parts of the way, and drove kim to his house, the

inmates of which were entirely ignorant of the tragic event of the night, and how nearly Mr. Bourchier had lost his life by the knife of an assassin. As he stepped from the carriage he said to William-'There will be an inquest-say as little as

you can till then.'

William touched his hat and drove away to the stables, thinking of his strange experiences on that eveneful night.

of a neighboring landowner, and his father There was another man who also had fondly hoped his eldest son's wild oats were strange experiences that night, who saw cerall sown. But the marriage never took tain events from another point of view. place. For some unknown reason the This was a man who lived in an untidy hovel in the poorest part of Redton. Poor oung lady cancelled the engagement. It cannot be said whether Digby took his disas his abode was, there were people who appointment to heart or not, but it appears wondered how he manged to pay its miserhe left home for a time. He was away for a able rent, for Jim Stokes was seldom seen couple of years; then he returned to Reddoing work of any kind. He was one of hills, and shortly afterward, at the opening those gentlemen who are generally associated meet of the season, was thrown from his with hairy caps with a turned-up flap at horse and was killed-perhaps the best thing each of the four cardinal points, and with that could have happened to him. lurching dogs, ferrets, etc. In the daytime Robert Bourchier survived his eldest son he loafed about smoking his pipe with a ten years. Upon his death, in 1820, his defiant as-good-as-you sort of look, but after

will wes found to be dated at the time when nightfall when he strolled abroad he was of Digby's marriage seemed imminent. It gave a peculiarly bashful disposition. On this Redhills to Digby for life, and after his particular night he was taking one of his death to his eldest son and his heirs; and little rambles, and was very near the acute should Digby have no son, then to the testa-

angle of the Steepsides road, when he saw tor's second son, Stephen. Digby having the lights of a carriage approaching. His natural timidity induced him to plunge died unmarried, the old man had not troubled headlong into the undergrowth which covers to make a fresh will, as this one fulfilled all he wanted to do-left Redhills to the hill-his humility threw him into a re-

cumbent attitude, and his desire to be about Stephen.

well established, the taint of trade gradually disappearing, so that before his death the second owner of Redhills and his belongings were looked upon as country people. He was fortunate in marrying a woman of good family. She was not an heiress, but that fact mattered little-as his income was a large one-so large that he could save, and

always be ready to pounce upon any land near his estate which came into the market. In this way, Redhills, with the additions Robert the second made to it, grew into a very fine property. Robert the second begat two sons, Digby

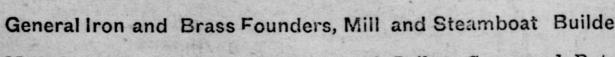
and Stephen -also three daughters who married and went to their respective places, where we may leave them. This Digby, the eldest son and presumptive heir, must, according to all accounts,

have been a poor sort of a fellow ; a weak, vacillating young man, easily led astrayone who gave his father much trouble. There are some interesting letters still exist. ing in the family archives which show that before he was twenty he had been extricated,

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The second event was that about ten road, even on each side of the road, and Mr. years after Stephen's accession, an absurd Stokes trembled as his eyes met the eyes claim to the estate was brought forward. of that dreaded magistrate, Mr. Bourchier. But Mr. Bourchier saw him not, and recov. The claimant, a young man of two-and ering from his uneasiness he heard the words, twepty, in humble circumstances, stated light a cigar,' and, although the horse was that he was the lawfully begotten son of still stationary, saw the reins transferred to Digby Bourchier, and, under the will of the short man's hands. Then a most curious Robert Bourchier the second, was entitled to thing happened-the tall gentleman put his Redhills and other landed property. The hand into his pocket, for his cigar-case it young man's tale was plausible as far as it went. Digby, he asserted, secretly married seemed-but there was a sudden flash--a rehis mother early in the year 1806, at the Scriptions. port-and the shorter man was swaying latter end of which he was born. He acabout in his seat, making a horrible sound counted for his long silence as to his claims with his lips. In a moment, with a dull by the fact that his mother had always been thud, he fell on the road, and, although Mr. ignorant of her husband's true position; also Stokes cared nothing for the piteous look in that shortly after his death her mind bethe eyes of a dying hare, the look on the come unhinged, and for years she had been fallen man's face. as he saw it in the moonhopelessly mad. Whether Digby Bourchier light, froze his blood. The perspiration rose in the few moments which elapsed between under the poacher's fur cap-it seemed like the fall from his horse and his death, had a horrible dream. So stupefied he was, that managed to send her a message by some he scarcely noticed that the fallen man, with trusty hand, will never be known. the remnant of life left him, thrust his hand into his breast, and threw some dark object as far from him as he could. The whole money; but if it was so, no covert overtures thing was inexplicable to the hidden witness. But there were even more curious be accepted. A writ of ejectment was served things to follow.

safety, he had crept serpent-like through the undergrowth until he was close to the bank-a few yards from the fallen man, Then he saw more curious sights.

He saw Mr. Bourchier take out a lamp from the socket, bend. over the prostrate form, then rise with a look of grim satisfaction on his face, and replace the lamp. He saw him unbotton the dead man's coat. search his pockets, and draw out a knife, which he opened and threw on the road, He saw him search again the pockets, and saw also a convulsive movement of his lips, which personal experience told Mr. Stokes meant strong language. He saw him take a bundle from the dog-cart and carry it to the seat of his fathers. where Mr. Stoke's point of view ended, then

return without it. He saw him take the whip out of the socket, lash the horse wildly until it sprang madly up the hill. He saw him break the whip in two, and throw the pieces on the road; and then he saw him

posterous-a clumsy attempt to extort were made hinting that a compromise would With a generous disregard of his own on Stephen Bourchier, and the case in due time came before the court. The way it collapsed was pitable; so weak was the documentary evidence tendered by the plaintiff. There were plenty of people to swear that for nearly two years Digby Bourchier

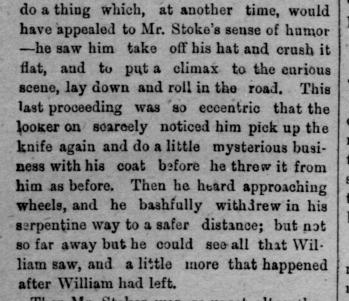
and the claimant's mother had lived as man and wife; but no one could say when, where, or before whom the marriage ceremony had been performed. Indeed, so light were the grounds for the action that, in nonsuiting the plantiff, the judge made a few pointed remarks respecting solicitors who, apparently for the sake of costs, urged their clients to declare war with weapons so weak as these in their hands. So the claimant went back to obscurity, and Stephen sat unshaken in

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CHAPTER III.

FAMILY HISTORY AND EARLY PEOPLE. In spite of Horace's advice-to plunge boldly into the middle of what things you may have to tell-there is much to be said in favor of the New Testament method of beginning with a genealogy. It is, undoubtedly, a great temptation to strike at once into the middle of a situation, hoping you may arrest your reader's attention and excite his curiosity, but unfortunately, sooner or later, events which led up to that particular situation must be disclosed, and in nine cases out of ten, these events are ombodied in family bistory-and all family history except one's own is dull reading. Nevertheless, we must know something about the Bourchier family. This is indispensable, so the sooner the explanation is

made the better. We are not called upou to descend the family tree, below a certain Robert Bourchier. As he himself could have said but little about his own father, and nothing at all about his grandfather, we may draw the tine at him. After Robert Bourchier is history-before him fable and tradition. With these latter we have nothing to do.

This Robert Bourchier, who was probably of French descent, amassed a large fortune. His money was made by trade-in the principle seaport and town in the West of England-made by honorable mercantile trans. actions his descendants boast-by traffic in slaves the detractors of the family assert. But, however gained, his wealth must have been considerable, for in the year 1750 he retired from business, and acquired by purchase the large estate of Redhills, in Westshire. Robert Bourchier the first died in

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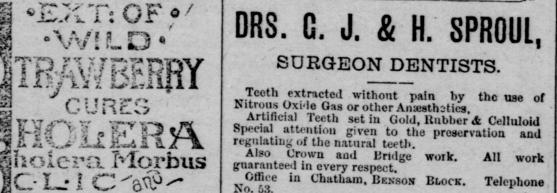
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